

Lake Michigan Coastal Program to Hold Series of Grant Workshops

Do you have a public access planning; cultural, historic, or natural resource protection project in Northern Lake, Porter or LaPorte County? **Then** you should attend one of the Lake Michigan Coastal Program Grant Workshops to find out how the Lake Michigan Coastal Grant Program can help you.

The Lake Michigan Coastal Program will hold a series of grant workshops for the upcoming 2005 Funding Cycle. These workshops will allow potential applicants to receive answers to their application questions prior to submission, as well as seek input on project eligibility. For the 2005 Funding Cycle the Coastal Program will be seeking applications for Large Scale projects that are Low Cost Construction, Land Acquisition or Planning/Outreach type projects. The Small Grants projects include Outreach and Education as well as Resource Management type projects. Applications are due on or before **January 7th, 2005**.

One Grant Workshop will be held in each of the three program area counties in November and December:

- **LaPorte County** - Monday, November 22nd, at Michigan City Public Library, Michigan City, 10:30am – 12 noon
- **Porter County** - Wednesday, December 1st, at Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, 6100 Southport Rd., Portage, 10:30am – 12 noon
- **Lake County** - Thursday, December 9th, at Hobart City Council Chambers, 414 Main St., Hobart 2:30pm – 4:00pm

The purpose of the Lake Michigan Coastal Program is to support partnerships among local, state, and federal agencies and local organizations for the protection and sustainable use of natural and cultural resources in the Lake Michigan region.

Those eligible to apply for funds include:

- units of local government, such as municipalities, townships, counties, and towns;
- area-wide agencies, including county and regional planning agencies;
- state agencies;
- state colleges, universities, and other state institutions of higher learning;
- conservancy districts and port authorities; and
- basin commissions
- non-profit organizations 501(c)3 (certain restrictions apply)

Projects eligible for grant funding must be located entirely in the Coastal Area, northern portion of Lake, Porter, and LaPorte counties. For a map of the grant area, visit the following web site: <http://www.in.gov/dnr/lakemich/pdf/cpa.pdf>

The Lake Michigan Coastal Grants Program's updated Application and Guidance are available for download at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/lakemich/grants/coastalgrants.html>, or you can request copies by email at jkintzele@dnr.in.gov.

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